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*SEE LAST ISH --A.G.

I'M HOLLY-13. THEY SAY THAT IN ANCIENT TIMES MY NUMBER WAS UNLUCKY. JESSICA AND I HAVE MET BEFORE ...BUT WHO ARE YOU?

MY NAME IS NOT IMPORTANT.

HE'S LOGAN-5.

THANK YOU, JESSICA. AFTER ALL, THERE'S NO NEED TO BE UNFRIENDLY.

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LET'S QUIT PLAYING GAMES, HOLLY! WE'RE IN A HURRY. LOGAN HAS DECIDED TO BECOME A RUNNER AND HE NEEDS A NEW FACE FAST!

WHAT JESSICA SAYS IS TRUE.

I'LL CALL DOC.

HE SAYS HE'LL SEE YOU RIGHT AWAY! WHAT REALLY DID HAPPEN TO YOUR FACE ANYWAY, HANDSOME?

I GOT IN A TUSSLE WITH WILD CUBS IN CATHEDRAL --

--BUT I THINK THE LESSON I LEARNED WAS WELL WORTH IT!

IT WAS.

LOGAN-- MEET DOC.

THIS IS A REAL PRIVILEGE, SANDMAN!

HOLLY TOLD ME YOU'RE GOING TO *RUN* RATHER THAN TRY FOR *RENEWAL* AT CARROUSEL. THAT'S EXTREMELY *UN-USUAL* FOR A SANDMAN WHO'S DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO TRACKING AND *TER-MINATING* OTHER RUNNERS!

MY LIFE-CLOCK IS *FLASHING* FOUR YEARS TOO SOON. IT'S NOT MY *TIME* YET TO DIE!

THEN I WISH YOU *SUCCESS* IN SEEKING *SANC-TUARY*, LOGAN--

--AND I WILL DO *EVERYTHING* I CAN TO EXPEDITE YOUR TRANSITION TO A *NEW IDENTITY!*

I APPRECIATE THAT, DOCTOR-- *SINCERELY.*

WE MUST DETER-MINE THE *EXTENT* OF ALTERATIONS-- A FACE *JOB* OR A *FULL-BODY* JOB?

JUST THE *FACE.*

*FINE.* PLEASE FOLLOW HOLLY. SHE'LL GET YOU *READY.*

THIS IS *SOME* SET-UP!

DOC DE-SIGNED IT *HIMSELF.* JUST LIE ON THE TABLE AND *RELAX!*

BE SURE TO ASK HIM FOR *DARK HAIR*, LOGAN. I REALLY *LIKE* DARK HAIR!

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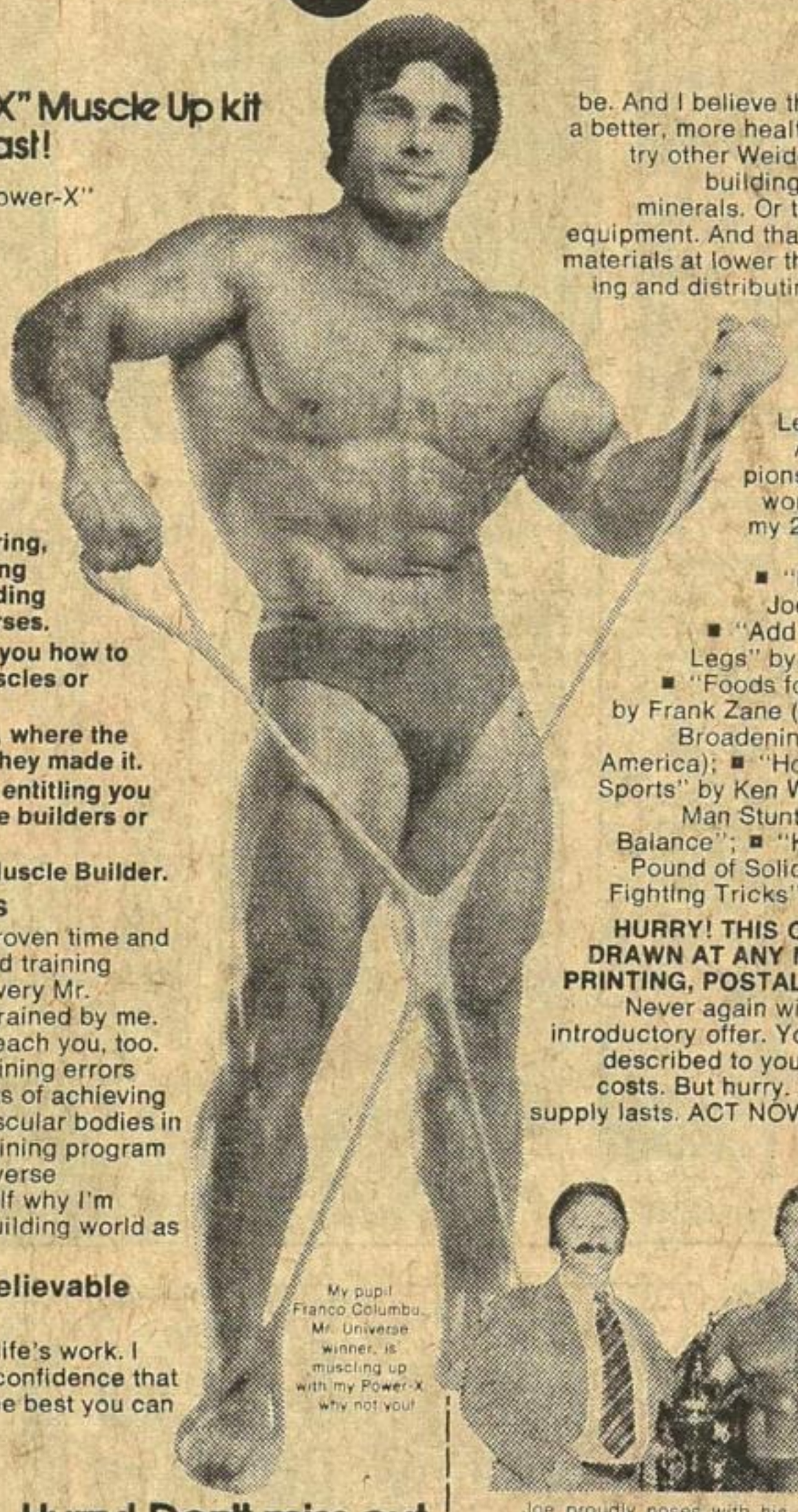

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YOU SHOULD *NEVER* HAVE BROUGHT HIM HERE, JESSICA. HE'S A *SAND-MAN*-- PROBABLY A SPY FOR THE *SYSTEM*!

I TELL YOU HE'S *RUNNING*, DOC --I *KNOW*.

DO YOU *REALLY*!

ALL RIGHT. HE GETS A *FACE*.

*THANKS*, DOC!

AFTER ALL, WE HAVE TO *TRUST* ONE ANOTHER-- OR WHAT'S THE USE OF *LIVING*?

HELLO... THIS IS *DOC*. JESSICA JUST CAME IN WITH A *SANDMAN*. YEAH, THAT'S HIM, LOGAN.

I *THOUGHT* SO. HE'S A THREAT TO US *ALL*-- BUT HE WON'T BE WHEN I'M *DONE* WITH HIM!

YOU WON'T FEEL A *THING*, LOGAN.

ARE YOU *SURE*?

"DOC IS AN *EX-PERT*. OKAY, HOLD *STILL* NOW...

"...*CAUSE* HE'S ABOUT TO *TEST* THE MACHINE."

*SEE*?

*HEY!!*

THE *GASH* IN MY FOREHEAD --IT'S BEEN *HEALED*!

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I SAID ONLY THE *FACE*!

*DOC*! TAKE IT EASY WITH THAT *THING*!

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BUT JUST *IMAGINE*--

"--WHAT IT WOULD DO IF I SET IT AT MAXIMUM!"

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YYARGH!!
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THE SMELL OF BURNING FLESH PERMEATES THE CHAMBER AS THE KINESIS BEAMS SLICE REPEATEDLY ACROSS DOC'S NOW LIFELESS BODY...
HE DIED THE DEATH HE MEANT FOR ME!

WHILE, JUST OUTSIDE...
IF YOU WON'T LISTEN TO ME--!

LOGAN! ARE YOU --ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M FINE, JESSICA. NOW C'MON --WE'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE--

BEFORE WHAT, LOGAN? BEFORE YOU'RE CAUGHT? IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE FOR THAT!
YOU--!

I'M YOUR *PARTNER*, MAN-- AND I WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S *GOING ON!* WHY DID YOU LET THAT RUNNER GO *FREE* AT CATHEDRAL?* *WHY*, LOGAN? *WHY?*

WHAT DO YOU *MEAN*, FRANCIS?

* AS DEPICTED IN LOGAN'S RUN #2--A.G.

DON'T PLAY *DUMB*, LOGAN. I *SAW* IT. I SAW *EVERYTHING!* I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU!

GET YOUR HAND *OFF* ME, FRANCIS! *NOW!*

PUFF I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD!

HUH?

SPLUNCH!

I HATE TO DO THIS TO *YOU*, FRIEND--

--BUT YOU'RE A *SANDMAN* AND I'M NOW A *RUNNER!*

COME ON!

*WHERE*, JESSICA? TO SEE YOUR *FRIENDS*? ARE YOU FINALLY CONVINCED I'M *SINCERE*?

YES!

WHICH WAY DO WE *GO*?

JUST *FOLLOW* ME, LOGAN --AND STAY *CLOSE!*

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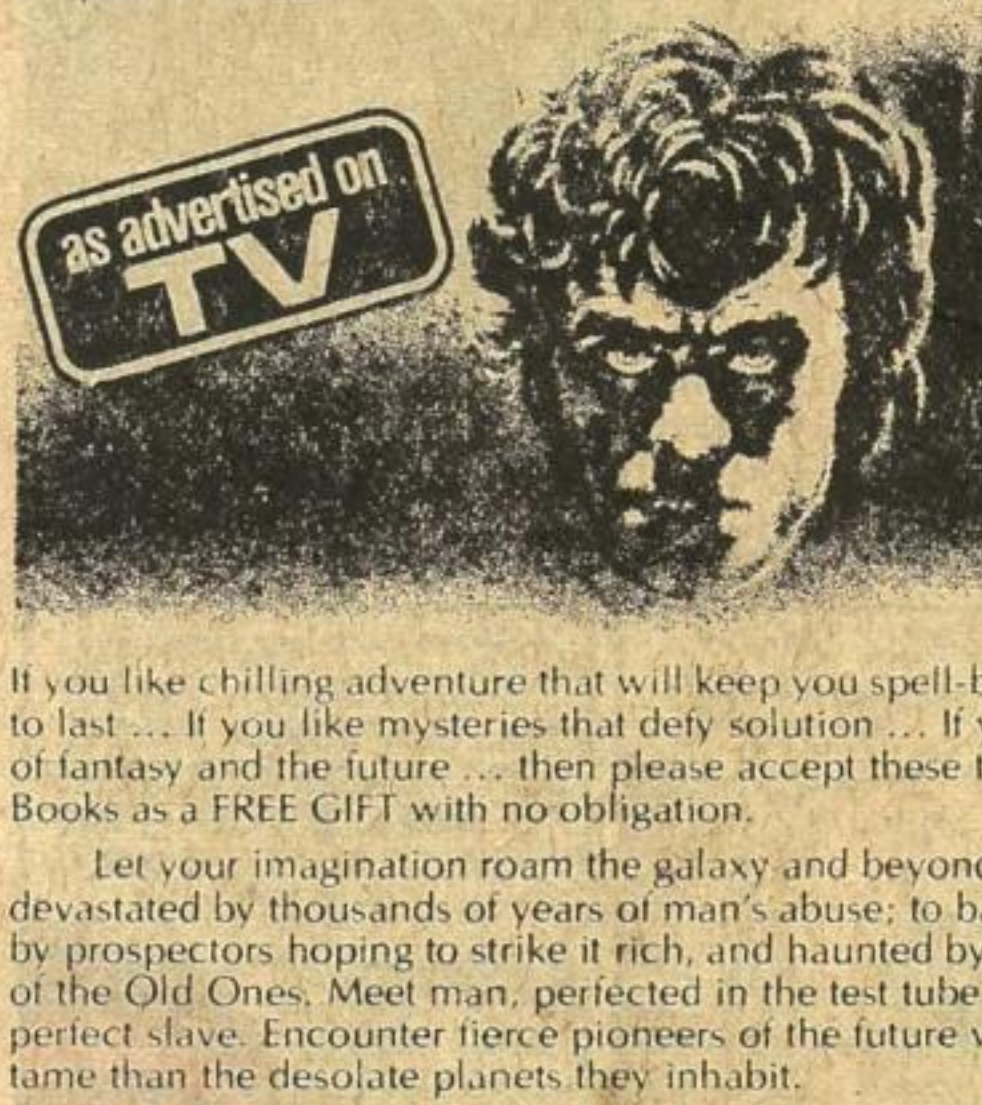


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I KNOW YOU'RE TIRED OF HEARING IT BY NOW, LOGAN --BUT AS A SANDMAN, YOU'RE HIGHLY SUSPECT!

SURELY, IF YOUR GROUP IS DEDICATED TO HELPING PEOPLE ESCAPE THE SYSTEM, THEY SHOULD WELCOME EVEN A SAND-MAN.

LOGAN, I--I HAVE SOME-THING TO TELL YOU...

YES.

I FORGIVE YOU, JESSICA.

THE OTHERS DON'T TRUST YOU. THEY WANT YOU DEAD.

YOU SOUND AS IF YOU'RE ABOUT TO MAKE SOME KIND OF A CONFESSION.

I AM. BACK AT ARCADE ... JUST BEFORE YOU GOT THAT RUNNER ALERT... I WAS LEADING YOU INTO A DEATH TRAP! * CAN YOU FORGIVE ME?

YOU'RE TAKING A TERRIBLE CHANCE JUST BY COMING HERE, LOGAN -- BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE ELSE WE COULD GO TO LOSE YOUR FRIEND.

I'M READY, JESSICA.

WE'LL PERSUADE THEM SOMEHOW.

IT'S JESSICA --AND LOGAN!

KILL HIM! KILL THEM BOTH!

HEY-- WAIT!

SHUT UP, SANDMAN. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT AWAY FROM DOC, WHO HAD ORDERS TO WASTE YOU--BUT HERE'S WHERE YOU FINALLY GET IT!

AND JESSICA --THE LITTLE TRAITOR!

THEIR WORDS ECHO AS THEY DESCEND INTO THE DARK DEPTH OF THE CITY.

WE FOLLOWED BOTH OF YOU TO **CATHEDRAL** --HEARD THE DEATH CRY OF A **FEMALE RUNNER!**

AND BY CONDONING LOGAN'S ACTIONS AND **BETRAYING** US TO HIM, YOU'RE JUST AS **GUILTY** AS HE IS, JESSICA!

GET YOUR **HANDS** ABOVE YOUR HEAD, SANDMAN-- AND IF YOU TRY FOR YOUR **GUN,** YOU'LL **DIE** RIGHT WHERE YOU STAND!

**INSTINCTIVELY, AUTOMATICALLY,** LOGAN REACTS AS HE HAS BEEN TAUGHT AT SANDMAN ACADEMY.

**HIS HAND STAYS WELL AWAY FROM HIS GUN, AND ONLY BRUSHES HIS TRANSCIEVER CASUALLY IN PASSING.**

IT'S ALL A **MISUNDERSTANDING!** I DIDN'T TERMINATE THAT RUNNER--THE **CUBS** GOT HER!*

YOU'RE MAKING AN AWFUL **MISTAKE.**

*ACTUALLY, UNKNOWN TO ALL OF THEM IT WAS REALLY **FRANCIS** WHO GOT HER--A.G.

YOU MADE THE **MISTAKE,** JESSICA--

--AND NOW YOU **PAY** FOR IT!

**STOP! DON'T KILL THEM!**

WHO--?

IT'S **HOLLY!**

DOC IS **DEAD**--BUT IT'S NOT LOGAN'S FAULT. HE WAS ONLY TRYING TO **DEFEND** HIMSELF. HE REALLY IS A **RUNNER!** I KNOW 'CAUSE I SAW ANOTHER SANDMAN **CHASING** HIM!

HOLLY'S **RIGHT.** THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU. LOGAN MAY HAVE BEEN A SANDMAN, BUT HE'S A **RUNNER** NOW, AND WE MUST HELP ANYONE WHO **ASKS.** OTHERWISE, WE'RE THE SAME AS THEY ARE... DECIDING WHO **LIVES** AND **DIES!**

**PLEASE...**

**...HELP LOGAN TO SEEK SANCTUARY. IT WILL REDEEM DOC'S DEATH.**

HE REALLY WASN'T A *BAD* MAN, LOGAN. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO *UNDERSTAND* THAT. REMEMBER HIM FOR ALL THE *GOOD* HE DID.

I *WILL*, HOLLY.

MAYBE WE WERE *WRONG!*

SHOULD WE *PASS* THEM THROUGH?

I SAY WE TAKE THE *CHANCE*.

ALL RIGHT, LOGAN, GO AHEAD--AND *GOOD LUCK!*

YOU'LL HAVE TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO THE *LOCK*, JESSICA.

I KNOW. *WAIT UP*, LOGAN.

*HUH?*

*NO!* YOU'VE GOT TO GO BACK--GET TO *SAFETY*--BEFORE THEY *COME!*

WHO--?

UH... *NEVER MIND.* I JUST DON'T WANT YOU *HURT*, THAT'S ALL!

OKAY, JESSICA --COME WITH ME.

DID YOU *HEAR* WHAT HE SAID?

SOMETHING ABOUT GETTING TO SAFETY BEFORE "*THEY*" COME!

*DAMN* HIM. I'LL BET HE SUMMONED THE *OTHER* SANDMEN!

I'LL KILL YOU FOR THAT, LOGAN-- YOU DAMNED LYING SANDMAN!

*NO!*

FIRED IN HASTE AND ANGER THE SHOT GOES WILD, NARROWLY MISSING LOGAN AND JESSICA--

SKRA-KOW!

--AND THERE IS NO TIME FOR ANOTHER!

ZRAK

THE SANDMEN ARE HERE!

ONE OF THE FIRST TO BE CAUGHT IN A BLAST OF BURNING BRILLIANCE, HOLLY JOINS DOC--

--FOREVER--

--IN DEATH.'

AND STILL THE KILLING GOES ON...

...AND ON!

YE-ARGK!

JESSICA, WHAT HAVE I DONE?! THEIR POWER RODS ARE NO MATCH FOR THE SAND-MEN'S SLEEPER GUNS.'

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# LOGAN'S LETTERS

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**Loads of letters commenting on LOGAN'S RUN #1, the first installment of our four-part adaptation (now grown to *five parts*, according to Dave and George), have convinced us that we've done something right! The consensus of opinion among Marveldom Assembled is that we've got another wild winner on our hands, but let's let the letters speak for themselves...**

Dear Runners:

LOGAN'S RUN #1 was fantastic! It was definitely the most enjoyable (dare I say best?) comic story I've read all year.

Knowing how Marvel usually has an extremely free way of handling movie adaptations (take, for example, your Treasury Edition version of 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY, I viewed the news of a LOGAN'S RUN mag with more than a fair share of skepticism. Then, seeing the action-adventure type cover of #1, I bought it, fearing total disaster.

Needless to say, my fears turned instantly to ecstasy on completion of the story. The art is better than any comic reader could ever deserve. I'm sure I'm not alone in saying that this is the very finest artwork to ever grace a comic mag's pages. The story stuck as close to the movie as it could have in 17 pages, and I'm very pleased. I'm sure now that the other parts will come across just as well.

I agree that we need a regular, continuing sci-fi comic, and LOGAN has an unlimited scope of ideas to expand on. I would like to see some stories dealing with Logan's city before the movie takes place. There must have been some minor rebel uprisings. Show one, and how it was totally suppressed by organized Sandman raids. You could tie it to Logan-5's time by showing Logans 1-4, and how they lived.

Anyway, keep up the great work, and I hope the next 30 days pass very quickly, 'cause LOGAN'S RUN is definitely my favorite mag.

Jay Marks
1500 Edris Dr.
Los Angeles, CA 90035

Dear Gang:

I think your new book—LOGAN'S RUN—is fantastic. The art was good, and the story was fantastic. But I do have one question: After you've adapted the film, what will you call LOGAN'S RUN? He'll be out in the world, and won't be running anymore, if you know what I mean.

Thanks.

Vincent McCallion
868 Amsterdam Ave.
New York, NY 10025

**At this point, we're not sure about the answer to your question, ourselves. For legal reasons, the title may remain LOGAN'S RUN; or, if we also adapt the sequel film, then the title may be changed to LOGAN'S WORLD, which would lend itself quite well to any further original adventures, as well.**

Fellow sci-fi freaks--

I have a feeling that this comic is going to be better than the movie. No offense to M-G-M, but I always enjoy reading a comic, where there are both visual and text elements that can always be referred back to (unlike a movie, which proceeds at its own pace).

About the storyline: It seems convenient that this saga is set in the 23rd Century, because according to "An Outline Course in World History, 1975-3015 A.D." (which appeared in MARVEL PRESENTS #4), this is a time of feudal city-states and "Techno-Barons." Quoting directly from the article: "The next 500 years were a barbaric period with science and its power highly centralized in the feudal city-states ruled by the so-called Techno-Barons."

It would be interesting, indeed, to see you tie Logan into this period. Perhaps the owners of the domes (city-states), are the Techno-Barons, who also have serfs outside or beneath the cities, to take care of the machines (*ala* that lovely movie, METROPOLIS).

April & Stephanie
61-15 Madison St.
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**We appreciate the thoughts, and while it would be rather inopportune of us to tip our hands this early in the series, we've got to admit that we find your theory intriguing. What about the rest of you out there? Do you want to see LOGAN'S RUN integrated into the vast Marvel Universe?**

Hello, Marvel:

Looks like another winner for you guys. Just don't understand how you do it. Please keep George Perez on LOGAN'S RUN. His style is perfect for it—he did a great job on the carrousel scene.

I would also like to publicly thank Mr. Perez for finding time to come to Detroit and sign autographs on behalf of the faithful ones here. Thanks, George! !

Brian Sketch
8094 Farnum
Warren, MI 48093

**Frankly, friend Brian, we don't know how either Pacesetter Perez or Dave the Dude find the time to fly around and put in personal appearances, as well as labor lovingly over LOGAN'S RUN and their many other Marvel projects, but somehow they do! In fact, as we type this, the two of them are on their way to Toronto for a fun-filled weekend with Canadian comic-art fans, and they're both beaming at the opportunity to meet and greet even more Marvelites personally. George says he had a great time in Detroit, and tosses a thanks right back at ya, Brian!**

People:

You have my eternal gratitude! You have actually managed to make a movie adaptation that is *better than the movie!*

In one issue you have made each and every one of the characters into real people. You made some of the nebulous points of the movie much clearer. You neatly eliminated one of the things that the movie was often criticized for—the lack of blacks and other non-Anglo Saxon types in the city.

In the interests of brevity and the overworked eyes of the Marvel mail-answerers, I will stop now, except to encourage you to further heights of quality writing.

Robert Reed
Graham Junior College
490 Commonwealth Ave.
Boston, MA 02215

**We're encouraged already, Bob—beyond belief! And we think you'll continue to see that enthusiasm reflected in our work (after all, if we have as much fun producing these power packed adaptations as you have reading them, how can we go wrong?). See you soon, amigo—in about a month!**

**That's an open invitation extended to the rest of you, as well, so take us up on it, y'hear!**

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YOU!? YOU SENT FOR THEM? THEN I WAS WRONG ABOUT YOU, LOGAN! FROM THE VERY START YOU INTENDED TO SABOTAGE THE GROUP!

NO! I WAS CONFUSED ...THAT'S WHAT COMPUTER WANTED ME TO DO--

--BUT YOU MADE ME SEE BEYOND MYSELF.

MORE LIES? YOU SENT FOR THE SANDMEN--SET UP THIS SLAUGHTER!

I DIDN'T MEAN TO, JESSICA! I PANICKED, ACTED ON REFLEX--!

HEY, MAN--WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? SHE'S ONE OF THEM!

LET'S TERMINATE HER!

LOGAN--!

HOLD IT, SANDMAN--!

--I'VE MADE A LOT OF MISTAKES IN MY LIFE, BUT LOSING JESSICA ISN'T GOING TO BE ONE OF THEM.

ZZRAKK!

I COULDN'T LET HIM KILL YOU. YOU'RE ALL I HAVE LEFT TO BELIEVE IN.

LOGAN, I--I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY...

WE CAN TALK LATER, JESS!

RIGHT, NOW WE'VE GOT TO GET AWAY WHILE WE STILL CAN!

LOGAN--LISTEN TO ME! NOBODY KNOWS YOU'VE GONE CRAZY EXCEPT ME, AND I HAVEN'T REPORTED IT YET!

YEAH? SO WHAT, FRANCIS --SO WHAT?!

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE, PARTNER! TERMINATE HER NOW, COME ON OUT WITH ME, AND YOU'LL LOOK LIKE YOU'RE PART OF THE SQUAD THAT HIT THIS PLACE!

LOGAN--?

LOGAN'S ONLY REPLY IS A SIZZLING BLAST FROM HIS ENERGY GUN THAT IS DEFLECTED BY THE METAL FENCE BETWEEN THEM.

SKAZZIT

AS FRANCIS STANDS STUNNED, LOGAN AND JESSICA BEGIN TO RUN!

EITHER WE FIND SANCTUARY IN A HURRY, JESSICA-- OR WE DIE!

RUN, LOGAN-- RUN!

I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS! I'LL GET BOTH OF YOU!

I'LL HUNT YOU DOWN AND KILL YOU BOTH-- I SWEAR IT!

MORDANTLY, FRANCIS' THREATS RING IN THEIR EARS, THEN FADE AWAY TO BE REPLACED BY THE LABORED RASPING OF THEIR LUNGS AS THEY RACE TOWARD THE UNKNOWN.

IT'S JUST AHEAD, LOGAN --WE DON'T HAVE MUCH FARTHER TO GO!

JESSICA SPEAKS TRUE; SHE HAS BEEN THIS FAR BEFORE. WHAT LAYS BEYOND--SHE DOES NOT KNOW!

HERE IT IS, LOGAN--

--THE GATEWAY TO SANCTUARY!

AND IT'S MARKED WITH THE ANKH--SYMBOL OF RUNNERS--THE SAME CHARM THAT YOU ALSO WEAR!

WHICH IS WHY I HAD TO ACCOMPANY YOU HERE!

WHEN YOU TOLD HER IT WAS THE KEY TO SANCTUARY,* YOU WERE CLOSER TO THE TRUTH THAN YOU KNEW!

*LAST ISSUE -- A.G.

LET'S GO!

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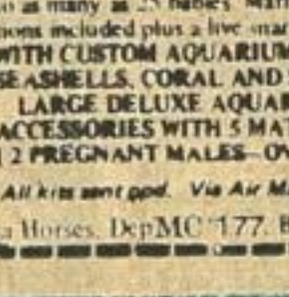

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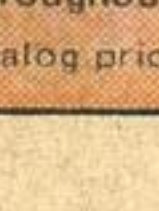

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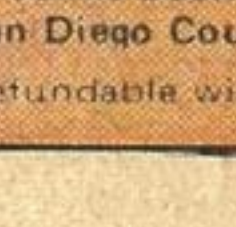

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IT MUST HAVE BEEN A SAVAGE WORLD --TO KILL THINGS AND THEN... EAT THEM!

IT'S STILL A VERY SAVAGE WORLD, JESSICA. INSTEAD OF SLAUGHTERING ANIMALS WE'VE LEARNED TO VOLUNTARILY SACRIFICE OURSELVES AT AGE THIRTY.

AND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GATEWAY...

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BACK AT CATHEDRAL, WHEN I SAW LOGAN HAND THIS TO THE FEMALE RUNNER, I KNEW IT HAD TO BE AN IMPORTANT ITEM!

THAT'S WHY I TOOK IT--RIGHT AFTER I TERMINATED HER! I, TOO, HAVE THE KEY TO SANCTUARY!

AT LEAST FRANCIS CAN'T FOLLOW US HERE, JESSICA--I'M GLAD OF THAT, BECAUSE I DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO FIGHT HIM, EVEN IF HE IS A SANDMAN!

YOU KNEW WHEN YOU SHOT AT HIM THROUGH THE FENCE THAT IT WOULD ONLY DAZE HIM-- DIDN'T YOU, LOGAN?

YEAH. HE WAS MY FRIEND-- WE GREW UP TOGETHER TO BECOME PARTNERS AS SANDMEN.'

I CAN UNDERSTAND A CLOSE BOND LIKE THAT BETWEEN YOU--

A BOND THAT HAS BEEN BROKEN!'

WHA--? FRANCIS! HE'S HERE!

PLEASE, LOGAN--BE CAREFUL.'

WE MEET AGAIN, OLD FRIEND--FOR THE FINAL TIME!

FRANCIS-- DON'T SHOOT.' THINK OF ALL THE TIMES WE SPENT TOGETHER AS MERE CUBS! REMEMBER?

I DO REMEMBER, MY FRIEND, AND I CAN'T BEAR SEEING WHAT'S BECOME OF YOU.' THAT'S WHY IT'S BEST FOR BOTH OF US THAT I DO THIS NOW--

"--AND REMEMBER YOU AS YOU TRULY WERE, LOGAN.'"

ZZRAK

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JESSICA! TRY TO GRAB MY HAND SO WE DON'T GET SEPARATED!

I CAN'T, LOGAN! THE CURRENT --SO STRONG-- CARRYING ME WITH IT!

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**ITEM!** As long as we're dispensing felicitations, let's extend them to Cheerful CHRIS CLAREMONT and Bashful BONNIE WILFORD, and to Impish IRENE VARTANOFF and Sparkling SCOTT EDELMAN on their recent marriages. We may no longer be doing romance *comics*, but no one can say there's not still plenty of the *real thing* floating around the bullpen!

**ITEM!** How about RED SONJA? Not only has she graduated from the pages of MARVEL FEATURE into her own full-fledged title (the second issue of which ought to be winging its way to your comics rack any day now), but the first lady of sword and sorcery now has a *song* written about her. Working from inspiration provided by writer/editor ROY THOMAS and Sonja artist FRANK THORNE, MIKE and SAL CAPUTO have fashioned "The Ballad of Red Sonja," which was given a special premiere performance recently at Lily Langtry's, a popular New Jersey nightspot. There was press and TV coverage and a lot of loud applause from local Sonja fans. Plans are now underway to have the song recorded; as soon as there's further word, we'll keep you posted. Gee, wonder if this marks the beginning of a trend? Consider the possibilities: "The Black Panther Boogie" "Minuet for the Mad Thinker" "The Howard Hustle"... Sort of scares you, doesn't it?

**ITEM!** December is a big month for followers of MASTER OF KUNG FU! Issue 50 sees the cataclysmic climax of the six part epic adventure Devil-May-Care DOUG MOENCH and Peerless PAUL GULACY have been meticulously building to for over half a year now. Admirers of comics as a form of graphic art have long been complimenting us on this series, and, with pardonable pride, we have to admit they're right. This month's account of Shang Chi's clash with Dr. Fu Manchu fully confirms it. See for yourself. We're sure you won't be sorry.

**ITEM!** Let's close out this month's session with a glance into the crystal ball for a few hints about what's in store for the future. For those who've been wondering what's happened to WARLOCK and DEATHLOK since the demise of their own titles, watch up-and-coming issues of MARVEL TEAM-UP, MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE, and MARVEL SPOTLIGHT. Fans of Tolkienesque fantasy should keep their eyes peeled and their thirty cents at the ready for the appearance of "Tyndall's Quest", another item scheduled for SPOTLIGHT. And be sure to read Stan's Soapbox next issue. If all goes well, our fearless leader will be announcing details on one of the most exciting projects we've ever had a chance to bring your way. How's that for a cliff-hanger ending to the column?

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=WHEW=

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AND NOW WE'RE SEALED IN, AS WELL! WHAT CAN WE DO, LOGAN?

THIS ROOM SEEMS TO BE PART OF A CENTRAL DRAINAGE SYSTEM, SO MAYBE--

EH?

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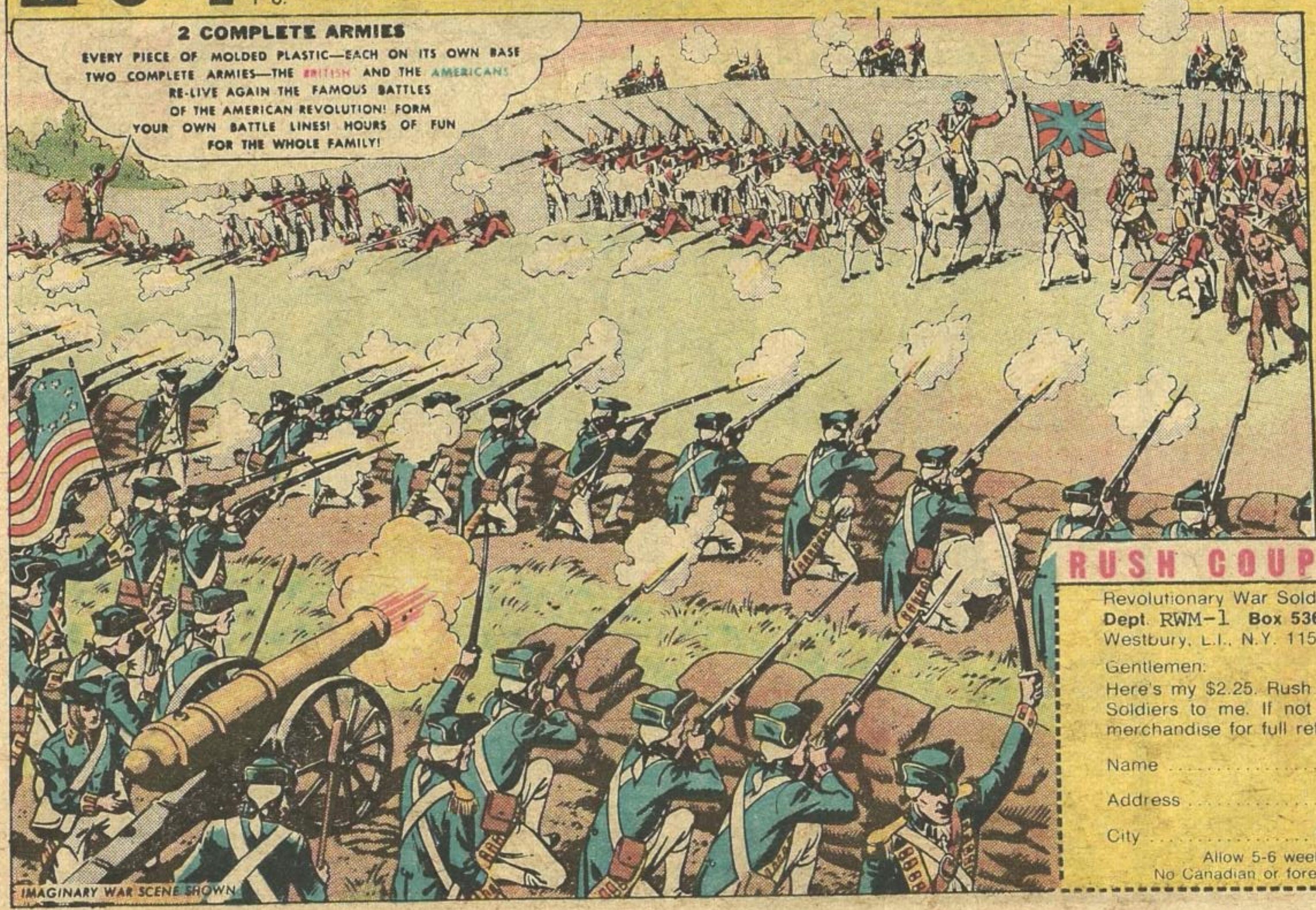
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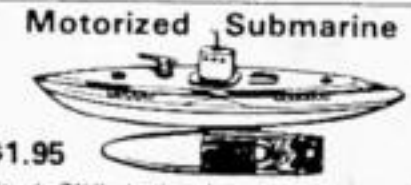

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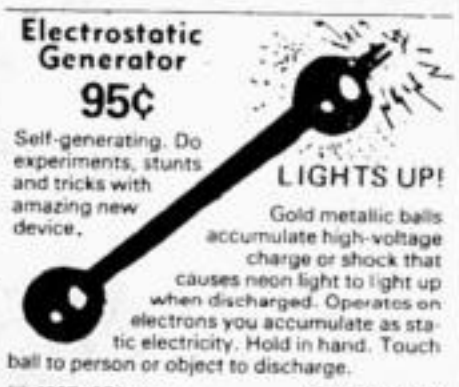

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